

Section c.) Remarks.

This reply is in response to the Office Action dated May 27, 2003.

The Examiner indicated that Claim 17 was allowable and that it would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Claims 16 and 17 have been cancelled, and their subject matter added to independent Claim 1.

Since the changes suggested by the Examiner has been made, the Examiner is requested to withdraw the rejections and pass the case to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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